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Group Art Unit: 3635

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Dear Sir:

The following documents are enclosed in connection with the above-referenced patent application:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (1 page);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) (submitted in duplicate);
3. Copy of One Cited Reference; and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

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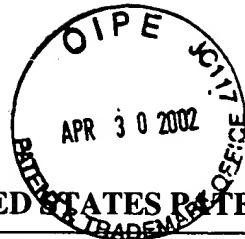
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet, submitted in duplicate) is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of the identified reference is enclosed as necessary.

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed document and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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